



Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Daniel

## Msgr. William R. Arnold Gets Overseas Promotion

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, chief of chaplains of the United States Army with the rank of major general, has been appointed assistant inspector general in the office of inspector general of the Army. He will be sent overseas in the near future to make an inspection tour of all principal chaplain posts in various theatres.

Succeeded by Colonel Luther D. Miller, an Episcopalian clergyman who has just completed thirty-three months of service as chaplain in the Southwest Pacific, Msgr. Arnold has given eight years of his life to the office of chief of chaplains, a period longer than that of anyone else who has held this post.

### In Army Thirty-two Years

Thirty-two years of Msgr. Arnold's life since he was ordained in 1908, he has spent as a chaplain in the Army. This long period of service has brought him to the statutory age for retirement; nevertheless, he will continue in active duty in the position to which he has been promoted.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson presented the Distinguished Service medal to Msgr. Arnold. The citation read: "The chaplains' corps met the impact of the present war, expanding from an initial strength of 125 to its present size of 7,500."

Msgr. Arnold came to St. Joseph's of Indiana in 1896 and was graduated from the pre-philosophy course in 1902.

### Finnegan Reported Killed

Quentin Finnegan, '43, of Shelby, Ohio, is reported killed in action January 9.

## Msgr. C. Issenmann Made Chancellor

With appointment of Msgr. John K. Mussio, J.C.D., to the bishopric of Steubenville, Ohio, Msgr. Clarence G. Issenmann, S.T.D., Ph.L., Jour.D., '27, becomes chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Msgr. Issenmann has served on the faculty of Mount St. Mary's of the West Seminary, is associate editor of the Catholic Telegraph-Register, and recently was appointed pro-synodal examiner and judge.

## Herber Wins Medal For Daring Rescue

For heroism while serving with a Marine Infantry battalion on Saipan, July 10, 1944, Lieut. William E. Herber, '41, has received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. Under intense enemy fire, he rescued two children and their mother, who were trapped between the lines of battle.

Lieut. Herber, who received his A.B. in accounting, and was editor of the Golden Jubilee Yearbook, Phase, also holds the Purple Heart for wounds received from a sniper's bullet on Saipan. His wife and two children live at 1001 Edgewater Avenue, Fort Wayne.

### Joe (Tiny) Kennedy Marries

In Sacred Heart Church, Indianaopolis, April 14, Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Kunkel became the bride of Joseph R. (Tiny) Kennedy, B.S., '40.

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## Paralytic Stroke Fatal To Tiffin, Ohio, Physician

In ill health for the past seven years, Dr. Charles F. Daniel, '03, of Tiffin, Ohio, died of a paralytic stroke at Mercy Hospital, Tiffin, March 31, at the age of sixty-five. He had been taken to the hospital a week earlier.

Dr. Daniel was a representative Catholic layman in his community. A member of the Holy Name Society and the Poor Souls Society of St. Joseph's parish, he was also a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. He had ten children—four girls and six boys—three of whom are now with the armed forces and four younger children still at home.

Professionally, Dr. Daniel belonged to the Seneca County and the Ohio State Medical Societies. **Brother Is Clergyman**

One son, Dr. Arthur P. Daniel, '39, is a physician at St. Vincent's Hospital, Toledo. A brother, the Rev. Christian Daniel, C.P.P.S., '96, at present pastor of St. Joseph's parish, Pulaski, Indiana, is the first student who enrolled at St. Joseph's of Indiana in 1891.

Leaving Collegeville the first time in 1898, Dr. Daniel taught school for three years and then returned to the college for one year before entering Starling Medical School, Columbus, Ohio, in 1903. His vacations for the next four years he spent working in St. Francis Hospital, Columbus, where he set up the first laboratory this hospital had.

In 1907 Dr. Daniel was graduated from the medical school and spent the next year practicing medicine in Columbus before going to Tiffin. Fathers Fred Fehrenbacher and Alfred Zanolar represented the college at his funeral April 3.

### Pfc. Elward Twice Wounded

Wounded slightly January 3, Pfc. Carl J. Elward of Fort Wayne returned to active duty March 1. He was wounded a second time, again not seriously, just thirteen days later. Pfc. Elward was studying at St. Joseph's of Indiana when he enlisted in December, 1942. He went overseas last October.

## Pfc. C. R. Schmidt In Push On Rhine

With the infantry, Pfc. Charles Schmidt, '25, wrote, March 5, that he was then on the front for four months, the latest action being the push toward the Rhine.

With my mail from home, he continues, my wife has been sending me CONTACT, and I enjoy it very much, especially since I've seen in it the names of several of the boys who were at St. Joe at the same time I was.

I am enclosing a money order for \$25.00 for use on the Fieldhouse or the Student Loan Fund, whichever you prefer.

Charlie was chief dispatcher for the Chicago Daily News at the time the alumni directory was revised in 1941. His home is at 1027 South Cuyler, Oak Park, Illinois.

## St. Joe Sun Parlor Of Sneider Home

A high school graduate with the class of '37, Sgt. Robert W. Sneider writes from Germany. He's the Chicago Sneider, who calls 6340 South Washtenaw Avenue home, and St. Joseph's of Indiana its sun parlor. Bob puts it this way:

I am glad that I can still call the Alma Mater home. As soon as this is over I will drop down to see you and to show my wife what a wonderful place St. Joe is. In fact, I'd give five years of my life to be there right now.

### Rev. J. Reichert Made Pastor

The Rev. John B. Reichert, '19, has been appointed pastor of St. Mary's church, 13th and Clay streets, Cincinnati, Ohio.



## More Than Green Grass Grows On April Campus

Arrangements are taking definite shape for the second annual Father-Son Day in St. Joseph's Academy. Sunday, May 6 is it. Solemn High Mass at ten o'clock; a social hour at eleven-thirty; dinner and the awarding of athletic honors at twelve-thirty. Benediction and a procession to the grotto will follow shortly after dinner, and then guests will be free to explore parks, labs, and junior's locker.

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Professor Tonner and Father Heiman collaborate in preparation for a spring musicale—orchestra, band, and glee club—to be presented on the eve of Father's Day.

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As honored guest of St. Joseph's of Indiana, His Excellency, Bishop John G. Bennett, D.D., celebrated a Solemn Pontifical High Mass on the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, April 18. All the clergy of the new diocese of Lafayette in Indiana were invited. Father Ildephonse Rapp, C.P.P.S., preached the festive sermon; Monsignor Felix Sero-czynski was the dinner speaker.

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Anyone who wishes may write for a copy of a sixteen-page pamphlet entitled, "Your Questions About Catholic High School Education For Boys Answered By St. Joseph's Of Indiana."

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The eight-page folder on the GI Bill of Rights and the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, 10,000 copies of which were printed, has been mailed. If your copy doesn't reach you, send for another.

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Clubbing their way to a 13-1 victory over Brook, the Puma Cub baseball nine officially opened the diamond season, April 12.

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If you have read this far, why not send in a news item about yourself and assure an eight-page issue next month?

## C O N T A C T

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## Sub Chaser Gets His Man

Dear Editor,

Always looking for St. Joe men out here, I've been fortunate in finding them. Twice, Charley Browning, my old roommate, has crossed my path. My first day overseas found me talking to Dan Goldcamp. Later I saw Vasco Luchi for a few minutes. I consider myself fortunate.

I'm on a small ship, an SC—sub-chaser—and I like the duty very much. Some day I hope to be able to greet you all as in the past.

Sincerely,

Ens. Geo. A. Ellspermann

## Read On! Wewahitchka Harbors Bernadette

Dear Editor,

Your article briefing Larry Bechler gives rise to the following. Better than a month ago up popped a letter from John Single-tary. Glancing at his return address, I knew at once that he was stationed on this self-same rock. We met.

In the process of yarn-swapping, I learned that Larry had been quartered in my own back yard, no further than thirty yards away. I must have all but run him down with a jeep on any number of occasions. He had shoved off several months before this discovery.

Several weeks ago I crossed the path of two more St. Joe men—Hugh Davey and Paul Birkmeier. They had returned from Iwo, where they had made runs into the beach in LVT's. Both were fully bedecked with Ensign bars and mustaches. Paul Brun-ton was aboard their ship, but deck duties that day prevented him from coming ashore.

AND NOW! Now gives out with the history-making news that I've saved as a surprise dessert. On February 24, in the little town of Wewahitchka, a woman, more commonly known as the wife of one slightly bald (but extremely handsome) Lieutenant (jg), name of Ed Banjough, gave birth to a baby daughter. She (the daughter of course) was promptly named Bernadette and screamed like mad.

Bouncing the scales at 8 lbs. 3. ozs., the red-faced cherub presented a kicking blur of black hair, blue eyes, two dimples and big feet. (Editor agrees with wife on the source of the big feet.)

Sincerely,

Ed

## Father Lesch Helps Cause

Dear Editor,

Please send me CONTACT. The enclosed may help the cause.

My brother Joe, who was at St. Joe, was wounded in action in the Philippines.

Best wishes to all from the western outpost.

Sincerely,

Howard Lesch, C.P.P.S., '39

## Fox Hopes To Return Soon

Dear Editor,

Another change of address. Please note. I like the part of Germany I'm now living in; it seems to be a very religious section. There are a number of religious books, statues and pictures in the homes.

Save a room for me, because I certainly expect to be back soon.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Victor Fox

## 'Boo Doong,' Says Fischer But Paper Reaches Seven

Burma

March 13

Dear Editor,

Is it possible that CONTACT has almost outgrown Volume 7? It seems such a short time ago that we hovered over the press at Carthage as the first copy of Volume 1 was pulled. Volume 7! The paper has now reached the age of reason. I think it had a robust childhood.

My items of news value are at their lowest ebb for quite some time. Most of my days and nights are spent in research and writing. Writing history does not have the human interest value that making history has. I have to grind the stuff out fast in order to keep my sergeant typist busy. The manuscript has already grown to Bill Campbell's heftiness.

Handling Chinese is like training actors for a flee circus: you don't have to have patience, but it surely helps. Whenever you tell a boy to do something his inevitable answer is "tomorrow." Then he will sit around the rest of the day with a blank look on his face. If you try to tell him that you want it done right now, not tomorrow, he will shrug his shoulders and say "Boo Doong" (I don't understand).

Thanks for all you are doing for me.

Sincerely,

Ed Fischer

## Gigandet Thinks Belgium Most Like Home Country

Holland

March 3

Dear Editor,

Thanks for your letter. I left France last September and went to Luxembourg, then to Belgium. In Holland now, I expect to be in Germany any day. Incidentally, I designed that Christmas card and tried to make it complete without giving away the location of our unit. Evidently I succeeded.

We are having our first rest since last June, and it is well appreciated. So far our unit has four battle stars on our spam ribbon plus a unit citation. But I will trade those stars and a bronze star medal any day for the return to the good old USA. There is no other place quite like it. Belgium is the nearest thing I have found so far to even begin to compare to the country we call home.

I have been receiving CONTACT. The boys of '34 are surely spread to the four corners of the globe. Something tells me that home-comings of the future will really be something. The boys had better bring shovels to dig their way out..

Best of luck, and remember me in prayer.

Sincerely,

Lieut. J. H. Gigandet, '34

## Sanislo Looks For Buddies

Hdqs. Co., E.T.S.

Fort. Lewis, Wash.

March 21, 1945

Dear Editor,

At present I am working at the publications and Reproduction Office. We do all the printing for North Fort Lewis. Interesting, the work keeps me counting in the thousands at the mimeograph machine.

Let me know whether there are any St. Joe alumni at Fort Lewis. I will look them up.

Ut Prosimus, '31,

S/Sgt. Jos. Sanislo



## Welfare Work In France Task Of Rev. James Hoban



Father Hoban

The Rev. James H. Hoban, S.T.L., Ph.D., '25, has gone overseas to supervise welfare and relief work of War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. in France. He will help more than 7,000 members of the Sisters of Charity to coordinate relief work they are doing for the N.C.W.C. agency through their 800 welfare centers.

Until recently, Dr. Hoban was associate professor of moral theology at Mount St. Mary's of the West Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio. A native of Troy, Ohio, he was ordained in 1930, afterward continuing his studies in theology at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, and at the Angelico in Rome.

Returning to Cincinnati in 1934, Dr. Hoban taught at the seminary for two years, when he went to Catholic University, Washington, D. C., to take his degree in philosophy. He is the author of *The Thomistic Conception of Person*, published in 1939.

## Lieut. R. Shields Blasts Iwo Jima

Among the St. Joe boys who participated in the Iowa Jima campaign was Lieut. Robert F. Shields, USMC. Bob is in an Amphibian Tractor Battalion. A few of his comments follow:

Although our primary job is to get all troops ashore, we had to stay on the island to run ammunition up to the front lines. The terrain was such that nothing else could do the job. I have been here for twenty-seven days.

I had the good fortune of seeing McCarthy in Saipan, and on D plus two I bumped into Vanderkolk here on the beach. Gee, but it was swell to see Vandy again. As far as I know he is still on the island, but on the other side. I've heard that he is going to the same rest camp as I, so maybe we will get together.

Speaking of teams with plenty of spirit and just plain old guts, the Marines that landed here showed more of those two commodities than I ever thought it was possible to have. I only hope that the people back home realize just what these Marines went through to take Iwo Jima.

## Huysman Piles Up Stars

Three bronze stars for bravery in action is the total piled up by Sgt. Leroy (Jiggs) Huysman of Delphos, Ohio, who was in France when the news filtered in about mid March. Jiggs was captain-elect of the Puma basketball team when he entered service.

## Captain Heckmann Home From Service After 21 Months

MIAMI BEACH, Florida.—Capt. James F. Heckmann, 30, of 1639 Tyler Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined.

As a medium tank commander, Capt. Heckmann served thirty-one months in the European theatre of operations. While there he was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious achievement, the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat, the European campaign ribbon with four battle stars, and the American defense ribbon.

Employed as a bookkeeper before entering the service, February, 1941, Capt. Heckmann was graduated from St. Joseph's College in 1934.

## Bob O'Neill Marries Elma Jean Hawn

Home from Hawaii, where he is a member of an intelligence group, Sgt. Robert O'Neill, '42, was married to Miss Elma Jean Hawn in their parish church, Goodland, Indiana, April 7. Father Ambrose Kohne, '21, pastor, who has returned from his visit to the West and South where he sought relief from a sinus affliction, performed the ceremony. Bob has a forty-five day furlough.

## Strictly Modern . . . .



. . . . home of Lieut. Robert H. Gutting, '40, in North Africa, complete with dust-proof front door. He has been overseas two years this month. Bob is handling the payroll for the 1526th Engineers. Speaking of diversion he says:

We finally played our first ball game. Although we lost 12-2, it seems my batting eye is better than ever, for I got two out of four and really one other that went right into the centerfielder's glove. We practice three or four times a week.

## Mailman Bob Heinz Drops Bags On Iwo

Marine Private Robert P. Heinz, radioman on a twin-engined "Commando" transport, was one of a crew who dropped sixty-six bags of mail to the embattled Leathernecks on Iwo Jima quite some time before hostilities ceased on that island. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard L. Heinz of 4818 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. A graduate of Shortridge High School, he enrolled at St. Joseph's of Indiana for business administration in September, 1942.

## Joseph Faulkner In Equipment Co.

In an Engineers Base Equipment Company, Sgt. Joseph J. Faulkner, '41, has a German prisoner and a French civilian girl as clerk and typist. Although neither speak English, both do their work very well.

Joe's younger brother Francis, who isn't an alumnus, has died of wounds received in action at Iwo Jima. With the marines, he was twenty years old.

## French Chateau Becomes Home Of Chaplain Esser

At a replacement depot in France, the Rev. Gilbert F. Esser, C.P.P.S., '18, Latin and Greek instructor serving as army chaplain, lives in a chateau which was previously occupied by Nazi generals and their staffs.

There are dozens of wires all around my room that formerly rang signals for the Hansies and Fritzies to dance for their masters.

Father Esser's account of "My Day" is a series of convert instructions, baptisms, marriages, arranging of services in fifteen to eighteen installations, guidance of soldiers who flock to him, and a dozen other details from perhaps eight in the morning to past midnight.

France is different from the U. S. in many ways, for example in home building. In the cities and towns the homes of all but the most



wealthy are tacked onto each other in rows three or four American blocks long. Along the street right up to the road or walk (if there is a walk) is a stone wall eight feet high.

The wall has a narrow door kept locked. You can't find a hole to peep through. There's usually an electric button at the wall door which seldom works, and/or a wire or chain hanging down from the wall or door top. You yank this and hear a jangle bell sound noisily inside.

There was much more in Major Esser's ten-page letter.



## Untouchables Of India . . . .



. . . . photographed with Captain George W. Heinzen, C.P.P.S., '35, chaplain somewhere along the Ledo Road. The untouchables are casteless outcasts among India's teeming millions. Approximately one per cent of them are Catholics. Numbering sixty millions, so great is their desire to embrace Catholicity, however, that sometimes the bishops of the Church in that vast land have been unable to cope with this desire because of lack of missionaries and other means. A plan has been started, writes Father Heinzen, to provide colonies for these social outcasts—buy land, erect a church, put up houses, and build a school to teach reading and writing.

## B-17 Gunner Gets Oak Leaf Cluster

Staff Sergeant Charles A. Zickgraf has been awarded the Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal previously received for meritorious achievement while participating in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on vital German industrial targets, and on Nazi airfields, supply dumps, and gun emplacements in conjunction with advances by Allied ground forces on the continent. Twenty years old, he is a gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

## John Goetz War Prisoner

Reported missing last October 22 when serving with the infantry in France, Pfc. John L. Goetz of Wapakoneta, Ohio, has since written to his mother that he is a prisoner of the Germans. The letter was written January 25 and was in his own handwriting.

## Move Over, 'Sarge!'

In his letter of April 1, M/Sgt. Francis J. Omlor, USMC, casually speaks of sweating out an advancement to a commission. Just as casually, he adds, "I'm hoping for quick passage to America with my wife. I don't believe you have heard of my marriage to an English girl in Australia. An excellent wife, a Catholic, and well educated."

And Francis encloses a snapshot of Mrs. Omlor, with just enough of his arm to disclose the sergeant stripes and her gloved hand around his arm as she poses in front of the church after the ceremony.

## Metzger Dies On Iwo Jima

The conquest of Iwo Jima took the life of a St. Joe man, Pfc. Joseph F. Metzger of Lafayette. Joe, who was in the high school department for a year, partook in the initial attack on Iwo February 1. Two days later he was killed.

## Rover Boy Now In Philippines

Bringing himself up to date, Cpl. Frank (Nails) Stodola February 19 wrote that he has gone from New Guinea to the Philippines.

Christmas eve and the day itself we ate K-rations instead of turkey. As everything was in a bit of chaos, it was a period of my life that I'll never forget.

On our arrival, it was pitiful to see that these people had been in a stagnant state for three years. They were ragged, hungry, and wholly ignorant of what had gone on since 1941.

All was not without humor. The way the civilians bartered with soldiers for clothes seemed normal, but the chief commodity the people wanted was undershirts. For undershirts we acquired a house boy, who dug our fox-holes, built and kept our living quarters.

I hope you are right about this "Rover Boy in the Philippines" carrying books at St. Joe next fall.

Nails

## Shifting Peoples Strike Sgt. Haman On French Soil

Dear Editor,

As if by coincidence, the day your letter arrived Frank Klumpe of Lafayette came through our depot, and we had a great time discussing former days.

France is quite a cosmopolitan country. Four years of shifting populations have left a variety of nationalities as well as many sad-looking Supermen.

Occasionally I have the opportunity to go to a not too distant Carmelite chapel on Sundays. It's a lovely place and the only one that offers me some semblance of home and former happy days which I hope will come again soon.

Sgt. Howard J. Haman

## McCabe Reported Missing

S/Sgt. John McCabe, '43, has been reported missing in action in Germany. John enlisted June 4, 1943.

## Bob Conley Boosts SLF

Lieut. (jg) Robert J. Conley, '41, of Rensselaer, states that his LST has taken part in most of the big landings in the Philippines.



"Ou est la—er—Where's the Paris Chapter of the St. Joe Alumni Association located? Comprehende?"